



Lynn Robert Gliessman

February 19, 1954 - June 21, 2020

Lynn Robert Gliessman, 66, of Bloomington passed away on Sunday, June 21, 2020 at his home in Bloomington. Lynn was born on February 19, 1954 in Fort Wayne, Indiana the son of David Henry and Pauline Alice (Miller) Gliessman. Lynn was a 1972 graduate of Bloomington High School and attended Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He Married Valerie Sterling on October 24, 1986 in Bloomington, Indiana they were married 34 years in October.

Lynn was the owner and operator of Bloomington Imports for over 15 years and then he drove a school bus for special needs children for the MCCSC in Bloomington for the last 13 years, he truly loved his bus students, especially Gabby.

He enjoyed traveling and he also enjoyed Indiana History and he traveled all over Southern Indiana. He loved his family and spending time with family and friends, he will be greatly missed.

Lynn is survived by his wife, Valerie Gliessman of Bloomington; his children, Matthew Michael (Therese) Sterling of Bloomington, Jennifer Rose Gliessman of Indianapolis; Emma Lynn Gliessman of Bloomington; Theodore Gliessman of Bloomington; a grandson Noah Olinander Sterling; and his mother, Pauline Gliessman of Bloomington; his brother, Perry Steven (Pam Diedrich) Gliessman of Butte Montana.

He was preceded in death by his father David Henry Gliessman.

No services are scheduled at this time. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Monroe County Autism Foundation.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements.

Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at

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Tribute Wall

MC

“ I met Lynn while attending Western Michigan University. Some of my most fond memories of WMU involve Lynn. He was a Good Ole Boy.

Michael Crooks - January 10, 2021 at 02:41 PM

TM

“ Valerie, it's a long time since volleyball. Since watching an episode of '800 Words' this spring, I've been wondering about you. So, I just searched and was surprised and saddened to see this obituary. I'm very sorry for your loss. The previous comments indicate you have a great family and friends for support and comfort. As Redd Skelton would say, God bless.

Tom Mayer - August 28, 2020 at 11:22 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Lynn's passing. We go back a few years to the car repair shop originally called the Beetle Bros.(which he later changed) I enjoyed working with Lynn and especially enjoyed his sense of humor and his intelligence. May Peace be with you.

Lee VB

Lee Van Buskirk - June 29, 2020 at 08:20 AM

SG

So sorry about the passing of Lynn! I always was in hopes of seeing him again! I was his little friend next door. He Perry and I had some adventures together! But my crush was on Lynn. He was a Cutie back then! I was looking on line to find him again, only to be saddened to find out he is no longer here! I have never forgot him all these years! Susie from Atwater st.

Susan Gray - August 11, 2025 at 04:07 PM

AM

“ Lynn was an amazing bus driver and friend. He was always helpful to me and my staff and always on time every day for his routes. He loved all of his students and took care of the, like they were his own kids! I am going to miss him and I know his riders will too. What a wonderful man. Our world will surely be missing him this year! And always

andrea mccadden - June 28, 2020 at 06:42 PM

SG

Lynn was my Neighbor years ago when I lived on Atwater st. in Bloomington. I was 10 and he was 11. Lynn, Perry and I was always doing something fun! To us, anyway! Lol! But the time we went over on Campus and I stepped in some Ivy which stirred up Hornets and was stinging me badly! Lynn & Perry saved my life that day! They started swatting those Hornets, and trying to tear my clothing that was covered in Hornets! They got me to safety and carried me several blocks back home! I never forgot them, even though we moved away and lost touch. They were good boys, and will never be forgotten! Lynn was my 1st. Big crush! R.I. P. Lynn. ❤️ Susie from Atwater st.

Susan Gray - September 26, 2025 at 01:45 PM

MH

“ I shared the news of this traffic passing with my son tonight. He's taking it really hard, as am I. He road Lynn's buss last year. One of the most patient, kind men, I've meet! He will be sorely missed! May God comfort you in this time of need! 🙏

Margo Huskey - June 27, 2020 at 09:56 PM

KD

“ Dear Valerie...I was very sorry to see this in the paper. I know i have not seen you in a long time but I always remember you with fondness. Lynn worked on my car years ago and i sure trusted him. I am sending you gentle hugs and wishes for peace. Love to you
Kim Davis

Kim Davis - June 27, 2020 at 07:43 PM

MG

“ I worked at Imported Auto Parts, and got to know Lynn we'll right after he migrated from Columbus. He always impressed me with his engineering knowledge, and it's application to autos. The most vivid memory was his sense of humor and infectious laugh. After he hung up his professional wrenches, and I moved out of the auto business as well, I would run into Lynn here and there in BLOOMINGTON, and it was like the years in between didn't diminish our rapport and laughs. Lynn was a great guy, and I can't believe he has left. I'm so sorry for you, his family.
Mike Gavin
Bloomington

Mike Gavin - June 27, 2020 at 05:42 PM

SM

“ Valerie,

So sorry for your loss. Sending deepest sympathy.

Shirley Minge

Shirley Minge - June 27, 2020 at 11:43 AM

LW

“ I met Lynn many years ago when he tried to fix my car that was most likely a “lemon.” He was a hard worker and kind person. I encountered him again 9 years ago while working with kids with special needs. He was the same old Lynn- cheery, kind, patient with the kids and very dedicated. He always greeted me with a smile and used my name to address me. What a sweet and personable man! He will truly be missed by all who knew him. Rest In Peace Lynn.



Lisa Watts - June 26, 2020 at 03:16 PM

DH

“ Lynn was one of the best school bus drivers! He always found a way to make connections with his riders. Devin Hillenburg

Devin Hillenburg - June 26, 2020 at 01:02 PM

RR

“ We’re been thinking about you Valerie, Matthew. Ted. Jennifer and Emma. We know your amazing family will support one another, find joy in Noah and continue to fill Pauline’s life with love. Valerie, you have so many at Templeton and beyond who appreciate your energy and want to give back. Please let us know how we can help. With love, Kevin and Rise

Rise Reinier - June 26, 2020 at 09:14 AM

KJ

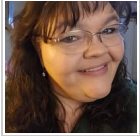
“ Lynn has always been one of my favorite special needs bus drivers. Always a ray of sunshine anytime you see him. He will definitely be missed. Prayers to the family.

Kandy Johnson - June 25, 2020 at 06:12 PM

RH

“ So sorry for your loss. Lynn was my daughter’s bus driver for a few years. He was wonderful and they shared lots of laughs. They enjoyed history together and both interested in gravesite off Fullerton Pike. He will be greatly missed.

Rebecca Herendeen - June 25, 2020 at 05:54 PM



“ Lynn was always fun to be around and joke around with. He was a very caring bus driver that took great care of the kids. He will be greatly missed.

Jennifer McBride Figg - June 25, 2020 at 05:14 PM

Kevin Burgart

“ Lynn was a great friend in the tween and teen years. We shared much in common and did many things together back in those days. He loved camping, exploring rural southern Indiana, the beaches of Florida, Ft Pickens's off of Pensacola in particular and loved music. His family took me with them for many weekend outings and taught us the love of nature. I will always have fond memories of him and those years we shared in your youth. May you rest in Peace Lynn, you were a great friend and went on to become a great father and provider for your family. My condolences to the other family members, he will be missed.



Kevin Burgart - June 24, 2020 at 12:57 PM

BP

I'm sorry I didn't get to know my two boy cousins as we lived far apart. I have two other girl cousins who are older than me. Carol and Marge I am one of the three other cousins. Dave who is my oldest brother who is now in heaven and Dan. I live in Hawaii and am married to Norman and we have two sons Brandon and Ryan who live in California and we have four grandchildren. I am sad that one of my four first cousins died too young. God bless his family aunt Pauline who I haven't seen since my dads funeral many years ago

beth perry - June 26, 2020 at 03:00 AM

PM

I am met Lynn (and Kevin Burgart) in 1967 at Binford Junior high school. We became fast friends. Some of my best memories from that era are driving around Southern Indiana with Mr and Mrs Gliessman in a green suburban full of boys looking for state parks and ice cream. Great memories. My sincere condolences to the family. We had sooo much fun together.

Patrick McClary - June 30, 2020 at 08:59 AM

TM

“ *So sorry to hear of Lynn's passing. My thoughts and prayers are are with you Perry and your family*

Tony Mitchell - June 24, 2020 at 12:54 PM

RS

“ *I am so sorry to hear this news. Lynn was my best friend in high school and we had lots of fun together. After falling out of touch for years, what a nice surprise it was to find out that he was the school bus driver that turned around in my driveway every day!! I was very glad to get somewhat re-acquainted and see him from time to time. I will always remember him for his easy going disposition and laughter. He was too young to be taken and will be missed very much.*

Richard Stumpner

Richard Stumpner - June 24, 2020 at 11:31 AM

KI

“ Lynn was the special needs bus driver for my daughter “Izzy” Izabella. She rode his bus for years up until the time we moved out of Bloomington. We have not seem him in 2 years but she still talks about him often and compares all bus drivers to him(none that measure up of course). I have to admit I also find myself comparing all bus drivers to him and none of them come close! I was always so thankful that my daughter started her school day and ended her school day with him. He always showed such love and compassion and had the patience of Job! When we left Bloomington I remember getting her off the bus the last time and I literally walked to my back porch and sobbed as he pulled away in the bus. MCCSC will never find anyone to replace this great man and his heart of gold! Prayers for his family, friends and for all the kids who’s lives he forever changed and shaped.... My daughter being one of the kids. GOD bless you all! Matthew 25:23

Kristi Irwin - June 24, 2020 at 10:37 AM

KB

“ Dear Gliessman Family, we are saddened to learn of Lynn's passing and send our condolences to all who love and will miss him. Our hearts go out to you. Kevin has been sharing many of his memories with me as well as music they use to listen to together back in their teens. I have loved hearing the stories. Much love to all from Kevin and Janet Burgart

Kevin & Janet Burgart - June 24, 2020 at 10:10 AM

LS

“ I was so sorry to hear about Lynn's passing. My thoughts are with you all.

Linda Scott - June 24, 2020 at 06:52 AM

DF

“ So sorry to hear of Lynn's passing. My condolences to Valerie, his girls, and my sweet aunt Pauline. Deb, Alex, Daryl and I are thinking about all of you today.

Dan Fox-Gliessman (cousin)

Dan Fox-Gliessman - June 23, 2020 at 04:37 PM